

Dear Germanist and language colleague,

It's getting colder and darker outside, so to brighten things up a little we're delighted to send you our Advent newsletter with news and tips from the world of German teaching!

1. Oxford German Olympiad

The Oxford German Olympiad 2016 is open for submissions! Who says Germans don't have a sense of humour?! Not us, that's for sure! This year's Olympiad theme is 'Deutscher Humor – nichts zum Lachen?'. It offers pupils a chance to find out about traditions of comedy and humour in Germany, Austria, and Switzerland. The competition is open to Years 5 to 13 and we look forward to receiving your pupils' entries by

the deadline: Friday, 4 March 2016 (noon)

You can find the full guidelines and instructions for taking part here:

http://www.ogn.ox.ac.uk/sites/default/files/olympiad_2016_task_guidelines.pdf

Download a flyer for your school here:

http://www.ogn.ox.ac.uk/sites/default/files/oxford_german_olympiad_2016_0.png

Start your humour research here:

<http://www.ogn.ox.ac.uk/deutscherhumor>

2. Think German Network

As a member of the Oxford German Network you're in good company: we're one of currently nine individual TGNs which offer German language and culture opportunities across the UK, interconnecting academic institutions, schools, cultural organisations and businesses on local, national and international levels. Hoorah!

Take a look at the TGN website here:

<http://www.uk.diplo.de/Vertretung/unitedkingdom/en/11/TGN.html>

3. The Great British Weihnachtsplätzchenbackwettbewerb

Ok, it doesn't quite have the same ring to it as a certain well-known TV show, but we wouldn't mind a taste all the same! We've gathered together some handy links and resources so you can stage a Christmassy German baking competition at your own school without too much prep. On our Christmas page you'll also find some pics of previous Oxford events for some scrumptious inspiration:

<http://www.ogn.ox.ac.uk/christmas-event>

Please feel free to forward this email to your colleagues. The direct link to join our networking database and subscribe to this newsletter is

<http://www.ogn.ox.ac.uk/german-survey>

As ever, we're always pleased to hear your feedback and comments. Please email ogn@mod-langs.ox.ac.uk, and also check out our website and Facebook page (links below).

The end of term is in the sight, and when it comes, we wish you:

Erholungsreiche Weihnachtsferien und einen guten Rutsch ins neue Jahr!

Mit vielen lieben Grüßen

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